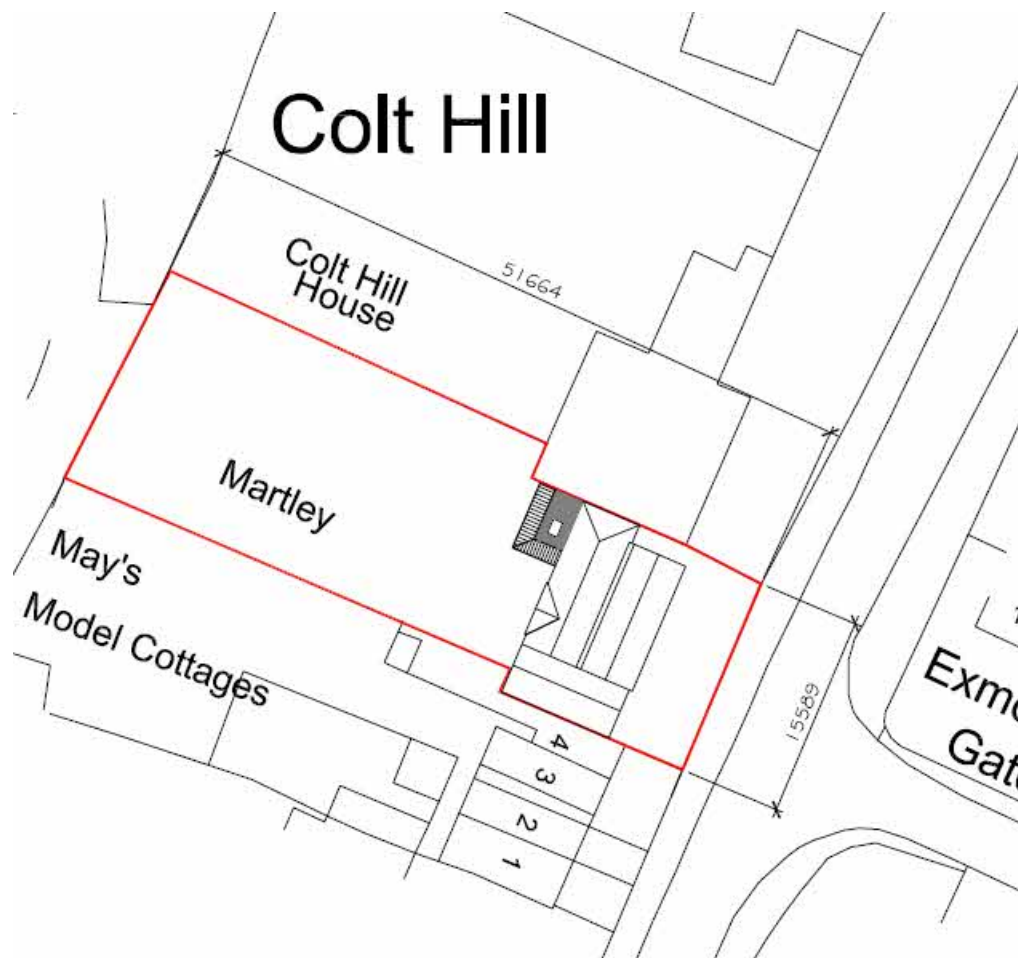


Heritage Statement  
Proposed Extension to  
Replace existing Conservatory at  
Martley  
Colt Hill  
Odiham  
Hampshire



Client – Mr. and Mrs. Cowling  
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## Introduction.

The scope of this project is to seek consent for the proposed construction of

A rear ground floor extension to replace an existing lean-to conservatory at Martley Colt Hill Odiham.

This Statement should be read in conjunction with plans numbered 01 and 02.

## The Site and its Significance

Martley is a large dwelling on a significant site attached on both sides to Colt Hill House to the North and number 4 Mays Model Cottages to the South.

To the East on the other side of the access road, Colt Hill, is Linden Avenue.

To the West lies the significant garden of Martley and open countryside beyond forming part of the Odiham conservation area.

Martley sits within an area designated as part of the Basingstoke Canal Conservation area 2.

The Basingstoke Canal Conservation Area Character Area 2 – This Conservation area covers an area From the Greywell Tunnel to Odiham Wharf. A definitive description of the area and the route the canal takes can be found in the Hart Council Conservation area appraisal.

The significant area relevant to this application starts at Colt Hill Bridge where the settlement of Odiham reaches down to the canal's southern bank, including the garden of the Water Witch Public House, the former Cricketer's Inn, Wharf House, a wharf-side barn and a wharf office surrounding the former wharf, which has recently been redeveloped for housing. Colt Hill runs up to London Road to the south of the canal towards the centre of Odiham with an interesting group of historic buildings on its west side forming an area of almost uninterrupted historic townscape.

At Colt Hill, an area of historic townscape forms an area of continuous historic and architectural interest running down to the canal from London Road.

Colt Hill is a Gently sinuous country road, with houses and cottages set back but closely spaced on the west side creating a continuous building frontage interrupted by space around the Water Witch Public House. Modern houses on the east side of the road are set further back or off private drives reducing their visual intrusion.

The area of Colt Hill lies just to the south of the conservation area and comprises an historic lane running down to the canal from Odiham, flanked by historic cottages and houses, with modern infill development. It provides one of a number of important approaches to the canal with a particular historic character that support the identification of the canal as an historic waterway.

## Planning history

Although it is clear the application property has been added to in the past, Investigating the Hart Council planning portal there are no submissions for any construction work, although a number of previous submissions for tree work exist.

## Proposed Work

The proposed extension to replace the modern conservatory is detailed on Plan number 02, it represents a traditional design incorporating White windows and doors in a style that more reflects the original house features.

The roof also encompasses a pitched element [with roof tiles to match the main dwelling] to hide a flat roof area containing a subtle roof light.

The location on the rear of the property means this proposal is not on view from any public perspective and thus has no effect on the character of the Conservation area.

Neither is it easily viewed from either of the adjacent neighbours.

## Conclusion

This proposal will be an improvement for the owners of the property whilst not having a negative effect on the character and fabric of the host dwelling.

This scheme is of a modest scale and does not impact the character of the Conservation area, nor does it impact any adjacent neighbours.

The addition is constructed in a traditional manner using traditional materials and will be a vast improvement to the current unsightly modern style conservatory.

# Photographic Record



Existing Conservatory



Rear Elevation



Part Rear Elevation





Looking South from the rear garden of Martley



**Martley – Front Elevation from Colt Hill**



**Martley - Front Elevation.**